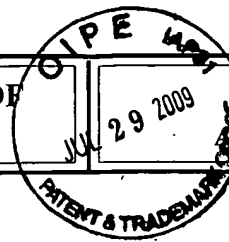


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**



Docket No.  
9534.RCE

In Re Application Of: **Mauro Barbuio**

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| Application No.<br><b>10/531,909</b> | Filing Date<br><b>April 19, 2005</b> | Examiner<br><b>Victor MacArthur</b> | Customer No.<br><b>20741</b> | Group Art Unit<br><b>3679</b> | Confirmation No.<br><b>3841</b> |
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Invention: **COUPLING ELEMENT FOR INVERTED T BEAMS**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of January 29, 2009 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☒ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: May 29, 2009    until: July 29, 2009  
*Date*    *Date*

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

|  | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST #<br>PREV. PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE       | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 5 -                                 | 20 =                        | 0                              | x \$26.00  | \$0.00            |
| INDEP. CLAIMS  | 1 -                                 | 3 =                         | 0                              | x \$110.00 | \$0.00            |
| FEE FOR AMENDMENT                                    |                                     |                             |                                |            | \$0.00            |
| FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME                            |                                     |                             |                                |            | \$490.00          |
| <b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b> |                                     |                             |                                |            | <b>\$490.00</b>   |

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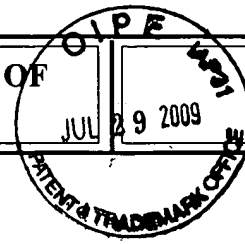
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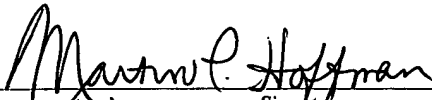
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$490.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **08-2455**
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

  
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Dated: July 29, 2009

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